

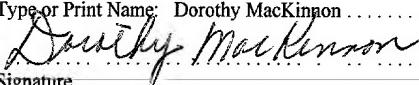
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: Not assigned § Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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For: A METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE PITCH OF A SPEECH SIGNAL USING AN  
AVERAGE DISTANCE BETWEEN PEAKS, USE OF THE METHOD, AND A DEVICE  
ADAPTED THEREFOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to commencing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below to place the application in condition for allowance.

**In the Specification**

On page 1 of the Specification, at line 1, before "**Field of the Invention,**" please **add** the following paragraph:

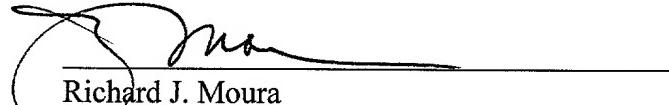
**CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application for patent claims the benefit of priority from, and hereby incorporates by reference the entire disclosure of, co-pending U.S. Provisional Application for Patent Serial No. 60/197,785, filed April 14, 2000.

**REMARKS**

In view of the foregoing amendment, the pending the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. Applicant hereby certifies that this amendment does not add new matter to the patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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